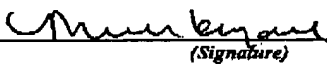





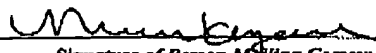


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In response to the office action dated July 1, 2005, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.